

## APD NEWS

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## APD to celebrate the 26th National Night Out with kick off party

Join Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo, Travis County Sheriff Greg Hamilton, public safety groups, City officials, and community leaders at a kick-off celebration for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Chinatown Center, 10901 North Lamar Boulevard from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Following the kick-off celebration, APD Public Safety groups, City Officials and community leaders will visit the locations listed below:

- 6:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Bruning Green and Evans, intersection of E 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pan Am Recreation Center, 2100 E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- 8:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. 5401 Sugar Maple Court.

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide to participate in the event which is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live

Neighborhoods are encouraged to come together for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 to send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, EMS, and fire fighters.

For the rest of the nation, National Night Out occurs in August. Since Texas is so hot, the event has been moved to October when it is cooler outside.

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